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Dear Mr. Juel:

This is my decision on disposition of the appeal you filed, on behalf of The Lands Council, regarding the Pilgrim Creek Timber Sale Project Record of Decision (ROD) on the Kootenai National Forest.

My review of your appeal was conducted pursuant to, and in accordance with, 36 CFR 215.18 to ensure the analysis and decision are in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policy, and orders. I have reviewed the appeal record, including your arguments, the information referenced in the Forest Supervisor's July 3, 2013 transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation (copy enclosed). The transmittal letter provides the specific page references to discussions in the ROD and project file, which bear upon your objections. I specifically incorporate in this decision the appeal record, the references and citations contained in the transmittal letter, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and recommendation.

The Appeal Reviewing Officer has considered your arguments, the appeal record, and the transmittal letter and recommends the Forest Supervisor's decision be affirmed and your requested relief be denied.

Based upon a review of the references and citations provided by the Forest Supervisor, I find the objections were adequately considered in the ROD. I agree with the Appeal Reviewing Officer's analysis and conclusions in regard to your appeal objections. Based on your appeal points, I find the Forest Supervisor has made a reasoned decision and has complied with all laws, regulations, and policy.



After careful consideration of the above factors, I affirm the Forest Supervisor's decision to implement the Pilgrim Creek Timber Sale Project. Your requested relief is denied. I do want to inform you that based on another appeal I instructed the Forest Supervisor to review Squires 2009 and Squires 2010 and determination whether the BA and EIS need to be updated in light of this information.

My decision constitutes the final administrative determination of the Department of Agriculture [36 CFR 215.18(c)].

Sincerely,

  
JANE L. COTTRELL  
Deputy Regional Forester

cc: Paul Bradford, Janis L Bouma, Ray G Smith, Allen Byrd